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Group Art Unit: 3739

Examiner: D. Shay

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Sir:

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Some of the references were recently cited in an Office Action in related Japanese application Serial No. 7-512088. A copy of the Office Action and English language translation is enclosed. Also, with respect to the Japanese language references cited in the Office Action (JP 08-510396 and JP 57-500592), the corresponding English language published PCT applications (WO 81/03271 A1 and WO 94/24930 A1) are enclosed.

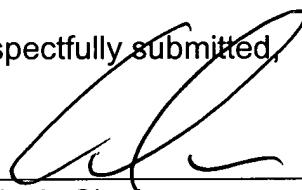
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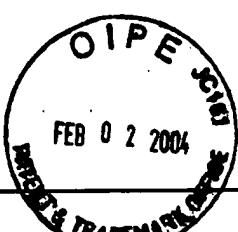
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